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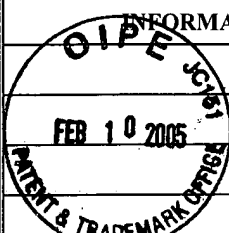
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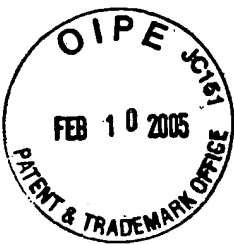
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LIST OF PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

The following pending U.S. patent applications are listed for consideration by the Examiner.

- 1) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/750,290, filed December 31, 2003, entitled "TOUCH SENSITIVE DEVICE EMPLOYING IMPULSE RECONSTRUCTION" by Nicholas P.R. Hill and Darius M. Sullivan.
- 2) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/750,291, filed December 31, 2003, entitled "TOUCH SENSING WITH TOUCH DOWN AND LIFT OFF SENSITIVITY" by Nicholas P.R. Hill and Darius M. Sullivan.
- 3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/750,502, filed December 31, 2003, entitled "TOUCH SENSITIVE DEVICE EMPLOYING BENDING WAVE VIBRATION SENSING AND EXCITATION TRANSDUCERS" by Nicholas P.R. Hill and Darius M. Sullivan.

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